

NORTH-WEST (RICE LAKE)

Individual Ideas From Evaluations

- Property tax reform for residents. Increase incubator funding for annual expenses. Regional funding rather than state-wide.
- Margaret Farrow was wonderful!! Bring her back the follow-up or next session.
- Quit with priorities that are a recycle of every agency group in the country. Keep it simple. Human resource capitol.
- Expand TIF capabilities beyond cities to towns. Designation of six county NW WI Tech College (Superior Life). Obtain and retain railroad right of ways.
- Resources for middle income affordable housing in resort and recreational areas with abnormally high property values are non-existent. LMI Programs are available but don't benefit the middle income group comprising teachers, city employees, etc.
- Award Technology Zone to county Superior Life effort.
- Need to educate the general public regarding the local governments efforts in providing all the services expected by their constituents at the most cost effective methods.
- Post-secondary education programs seem to be concentrated in the southern part of the state, particularly in healthcare education. I would encourage those programs to develop residency/internships. (I am referring here more to pharmacy, PT, X-ray tech, lab tech programs, etc. as opposed to nursing/NP programs). Throughout the state to give all healthcare providers a better exposure to these students.
- Keep youth options – Top Grant to encourage students to engage in technical education.
- Mandates – State should fund/give equal opportunity to all municipalities. Listen to individuals rather than big business – put recycling back on the business that created it.
- Help successful Metro businesses in Wisconsin grow into out-state Wisconsin, including state services such as Call Centers and revenue collection, jails, etc.
- Continue to support university and technical colleges in their roles(s) as neutral conveners, facilitators and innovators for regional activities. They break down governmental boundaries.
- The most important thing for our area is trying to get help to put in sewer, water, electric, etc. to expand out of our village. Very little room for industry or affordable homes to be built.
- Small business desperately needs affordable group insurance programs!!!!!! An important employee benefit! Extend TIF district availability to townships – important in rural areas.
- More detail on how these ideas and suggestions will be implemented or used.
- Good diversity in groups. Perhaps more representatives from elected government.
- Enjoyed and inspired by Lieutenant Governor's message! And Terry Ludeman's input was good.

- Streamline grant application process.
- The most important idea governing our group's suggestions is that the NW region feels isolated from access to services (i.e. high speed communication) and economic/and technical resources. The planning takes place in the southeast, but it must realized in action up north.
- I think it is very important to increase funding for incubator centers, both start-up and for services.
- Might want to have a focus group to address agriculture. Agriculture, especially dairy, needs its own forum. Perhaps use the report on agriculture generated the fall of 2001 as a basis. Need education available to locate education personnel. It all really begins with them!
- The state should look at identity and remove the barriers that make collaboration difficult if not impossible. I.e. separate funding streams, statutes, policies, and cultures.
- Provide live news through satellite TV to NW Wisconsin.
- Expand support to local non-profit providers (historical centers, historical districts, libraries and museums). This enhances tourism and builds quality of life that attracts good businesses with concern for their employees.
- Support by: Equip and encouraging public/private economic development comp/org. to enhance the quality of hands-on field work. (Direct development assistance for S.B's.) Training, resourcing, data, business plan development.
- A lot of good ideas on flip charts. One month (or one week) after session send participants a stamped postcard to return that they can send additional ideas they thought of after they went home. Make it easy for them to respond.
- Improve state/tribal relationships and increase mutual benefits of gaming.